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SUBJ: DELINQUENT FMS PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 162676 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. DURING MEETING WITH PRES BONGO MORNING JUNE 29 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I ONCE MORE RAISED SUBJECT OF DELINQUENT FMS PAYMENTS, SUGGESTING THIS TIME THAT WHILE I HAD SEEN COPY OF PAYMNT ORDER FROM LIBREVILLE TO PARIS, I HAD NOT RPT NOT SEEN CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT ORDER FROM PARIS TO NEW YORK AS PROMISED BY MPOUHO. IN ANY CASE PAYMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE AND ON TOP OF THAT, ANOTHER PAYMENT WAS DUE JUNE 30. I SUGGESTED STRONGLY THAT BONGO CONSIDER USING ANOTHER BANK AS CHANNEL FOR REMISSION OF FUNDS.
- 2. ONCE AGAIN BONGO BECAME AGITATED SAYING HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND IT. THIS PAYMENT FROM HIS PERSONAL ACCOUNT. CALLING HIS SECRETARY IN, HE INSTRUCTED HER TO TELL MPOUHO (WHO I DO NOT BELIEVE IS IN GABON) TO GET A CONFIRMATION FROM BGL PARIS BANK IMMEDIATELY, FAILING WHICH HE WOULD TAKE SOME UNSPECIFIED ACTION AGAINST BANK. MEANWHILE, HE WILL USE CITIBANK TO CHANNEL TILL ANOTHER PAYMENT TO NEW YORK.
- 3. COMMENT: THERE NO DOUBT BONGO IS WORRIED AND CONCERNED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAIN MENTIONING HIS DESIRE FOR HELICOPTERS. WE SHALL SEE IF HE CAN BREAK LOGJAM THIS TIME.TIENKEN

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